GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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PRIVATE-PUBLIC SECTOR PARTICIPATION IN HEALTH SECTOR
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the existing number of Government hospitals and dispensaries is inadequate to provide proper medical facilities to the increasing number of patients therein ;

(b) if so, the details of funds allocated by the Government for the purpose during the last three years, State-wise, year-wise ;

(c) whether private-public sector participation in the health in the health sector is better than public endeavour ;

(d) whether the Planning Commission has carried out any review in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (b): Health being a State subject under the Constitution of India, it is for the State Governments to open new hospitals in the states keeping in view their priorities and availability of resources.

However, as per available statistics, as on 1.1.2004 therre are 5479 allopathic hospitals including Community Health Centres with a total number of bed capacity of 380993, Besides, there are allopathic hospitals in the private sectors and large number of hospitals belonging to alternative system of medicines functioning in the country.

Further under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana(PMSSY) launched in 2003, it is proposed to set up one AIIMS like institution each in the States of Bihar (Patna), Chhattisgarh (Raipur), Madhya Pradesh (Bhopal), Orissa (Bhubneshwar), Rajasthan (Jodhpur) and Uttranachal (Rishikesh).

(c) National Health Policy 2002 welcomes the participation of the private sector in all areas of health activities primary sector in all areas of health activities primary, secondary or tertiary.

(d) & (e): The Planning Commission in their mid term appraisal of the Tenth Five Year Plan has recommended the need to instutionalise public-private partnerships in health care to improve the access and quality of healthcare services in the country. The primary objective of the public-private partnerships in health care is to enhance the ability of the government to direct more public resources at primary health levels.